

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1, 24 and 25 as follows:

1. (Third Amendment) A plastic molded container, comprising:

a bowl comprising an upper rim, a bottom and a sidewall extending between the upper rim and the bottom,

the sidewall comprising a lower frustum section, a narrow mid-section, and an upper frustum section, the sidewall being a continuous curve in vertical profile,

the lower frustum section connecting the bottom to the mid-section, the lower frustum section decreasing in width as the lower frustum section extends from the bottom to mid-section,

the upper frustum section connecting the upper rim to the mid-section, the upper frustum section decreasing in width as the upper frustum section extends from the upper rim to mid-section, and

the container being constructed such that it is capable of resisting permanent deformation when used in a hot fill or retort process.

24. (Second Amendment) A plastic molded container comprising:

a bowl comprising an upper rim, a bottom and sidewall extending between the upper rim and the bottom,

the sidewall comprising a lower frustum section, a narrow mid-section, and an upper frustum section, the sidewall being a continuous curve in vertical profile,

the lower frustum section connecting the bottom to the mid-section, the lower frustum section decreasing in width as the lower frustum section extends from the bottom to mid-section,

the upper frustum section connecting the upper rim to the mid-section, the upper frustum section decreasing in width as the upper frustum section extends from the upper rim to mid-section,

the container being constructed such that it is capable of resisting permanent deformation when used in a hot fill or retort process,

the sidewall being made of blow-molded materials, and the container having at least one oxygen barrier layer.

25. (Second Amendment) A plastic molded container comprising:

a bowl comprising an upper rim, a bottom and sidewall extending between the upper rim and the bottom,

the sidewall comprising a lower frustum section, a narrow mid-section, and an upper frustum section, the sidewall being a continuous curve in vertical profile,

the lower frustum section connecting the bottom to the mid-section, the lower frustum section decreasing in width as the lower frustum section extends from the bottom to mid-section,

the upper frustum section connecting the upper rim to the mid-section, the upper frustum section decreasing in width as the upper frustum section extends from the upper rim to mid-section,

the container having an overall diameter and a height, the diameter being greater than the height,

the container being constructed such that it is capable of resisting permanent deformation when used in a hot fill or retort process, and

the sidewall having a plurality of layers, at least one of which is an oxygen barrier layer.